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Dear Professor Ivanov:

I am pleased to convey that the National Academy of Sciences working group on Biological Weapons Control recently met to discuss our future work. As a result, I would like to suggest that our two working groups plan to meet in London on Saturday-Sunday April 1-2, 1989.

The members of the American working group in addition to myself are: Dr. Robert Chanock, Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Dr. Thomas Monath, Virology Division, US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases; Dr. Alexis Shelokov, Government Services Division, The Salk Institute; Mr. John Steinbruner, Director, Foreign Policy Studies Program, The Brookings Institution; and Ms. Lynn Rusten, Director, Committee on International Security and Arms Control, National Academy of Sciences.

We plan to prepare talking papers on the following subjects: 1) Delineation of permitted from unpermitted research under the Biological Weapons Convention; 2) What can be learned from an on-site visit, possible groundrules for the conduct of site visits; 3) A glossary of key terms to discuss to clarify problems which arise from translation and differences in terminology; 4) BWC definitional issues; 5) Possible further measures for exchanges of epidemiological information in the event of human, animal and plant outbreaks.

I look forward to your response to these suggestions.

Best Wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Working Group Chairman